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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed on 03/13/2007 with respect to claims 1-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hikita et al (US PAT. 4,792,939 hereinafter, "Hikita") in view of Tomura et al. (U.S PAT. 5,150,282 hereinafter, "Tomura").

Consider claim 1, Hikita teaches a wireless communication apparatus, comprising: a mounting substrate including: a duplexer connected to an antenna terminal (col. 2 lines 25-35); a receiving amplifier and a transmitting amplifier individually connected to the duplexer (col. 3 lines 47-63); a processor unit having a receiving processor and a transmitting processor respectively connected to the receiving and transmitting amplifiers in a region spaced from the receiving and transmitting amplifiers

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(col. 3 line 63 through col. 4 line 4); and a baseband processor connected to the processor unit (col. 3 lines 47-63); a shield case configured to cover the receiving amplifier, the transmitting amplifier, and the processor unit (col. 8 line 67 through col. 9 line 2).

Hikita does not explicitly show that a second partition provided from the top panel to the surface of the mounting substrate by extending from another end of the shield case so as to face the first partition across the processor unit; and a cut, provided from the top panel in the shield case so as to overlay the processor unit between the first and second partitions.

In the same field of endeavor, Tomura teaches a second partition provided from the top panel (24) to the surface of the mounting substrate (21) by extending from another end of the shield case so as to face the first partition across the processor unit (figs. 3-4 col. 3 line 44 through col. 4 line 10); and a cut (as shown in fig. 3 between two grooves of the ribs 28 of the rear casing 24), provided from the top panel in the shield case so as to overlay the processor unit between the first and second partitions (figs. 3-4 col. 3 line 44 through col. 4 line 10).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use, a second partition provided from the top panel to the surface of the mounting substrate by extending from another end of the shield case so as to face the first partition across the processor unit; and a cut, provided from the top panel in the shield case so as to overlay the processor unit between the first and second partitions, as taught by Tomura, in order to provide a shielding structure for

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high-frequency circuit arrangements capable of electromagnetically shielding each high-frequency functional circuit in a narrow space.

Consider claim 2, Hikita further teaches the processor unit monolithically integrates the receiving and transmitting processors and a ground region placed between the receiving and transmitting processors on a semiconductor chip (fig. 9 col. 9 lines 3-13).

Consider claim 3, Tomura further teaches the first partition is connected to a first ground terminal of the processor unit, the first ground terminal being connected to an end of the ground region and being provided in a vicinity of the first partition (col. 3 lines 59-68).

Consider claim 4, Tomura further teaches the second partition is connected to a second ground terminal of the processor unit, the second ground terminal being connected to other end of the ground region and being provided in a vicinity of the second partition (col. 3 lines 59-68).

Consider claim 5, Tomura further teaches at least a part of the respective first and second ground terminals are placed to face each other (col. 3 lines 44-58).

Consider claim 6, Tomura further teaches the shield case is connected to third ground terminals of the processor unit, the third ground terminals being connected to a receiving side ground region and a transmitting side ground region, respectively, of the receiving and transmitting processors provided on opposite ends of the semiconductor chip (col. 3 lines 54-58).

Consider claim 7, Tomura further teaches a conductive member is placed between the cut and a package of the processor unit in contact with the cut and the package (col. 3 lines 44-58).

Consider claim 8, Tomura further teaches an external ground electrode connected to at least one of the first and second ground terminals is provided on a surface of the package, the surface being in contact with the conductive member (col. 3 lines 47-54).

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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